



APP's Mission: To work in partnership with funded states, territories, Tribes, and communities to prevent adolescent pregnancy, STIs, HIV/AIDS, non-marital sexual activity, and other risky behaviors through engagement, empowerment, and holistic education.

Greetings!

From the 2021 Virtual APP Conference and new grantees coming on board, to new APP staff, and the *We Think Twice* conversation with Dr. Anthony Fauci about vaccines for youth, take a look at what the APP program has been up to. [Here's a word from the APP Team.](#)

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Welcome New Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (APP) Grantees!

July through September was again, grant review season at FYSB. Ultimately in FY2021, a total of [275 grantees across seven funding streams](#) have been awarded over \$173 million including new grant awards across five funding streams totaling \$44.6 million.

Are you one of our new grantees? Or just want to explore new topics and tackle challenges in your program? Jumpstart your program activities by reviewing an invaluable resource for new and returning grantees – [the Grantee Welcome Package](#) – and other resources, today! [Read more.](#)

Program Highlights

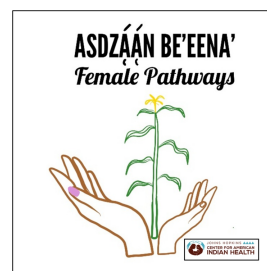


Update on the Youth Plenary Panel

It's only been a few months since the conference, but we were wondering what Jarienne, Mansa, and Jaey, the Youth Plenary participants, were up to lately. Fortunately for us, we were able to [catch up with them](#). As expected, they're busy with school, activities, and, figuring out how to change their world one goal at a time.

Asdzáán Be'eena': The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for American Indian Health

Have you heard about Asdzáán Be'eena' (Female Pathways)? If not, [take a look at A Culturally Grounded, Intergenerational Approach to Preventing Teen Pregnancy](#) to learn how Johns Hopkins University and the Navajo Nation have developed a program to engage girls and their female caregivers to promote health and wellbeing.



GetCheckedDC: The District of Columbia Department of Health

[GetCheckedDC](#) is leveraging lessons learned from testing protocols initiated as a result of COVID-19 to provide STI home testing kits to students at local schools, with counseling and treatment provided to those who test positive. [See how they are partnering with the community and fostering relationships with trusted community organizations.](#)

Youth-Focused Resources

6.8 million youth
ages 12–18 are
fully vaccinated



1 out of 4 are
ages 12–15



Almost 2 out of 5
are ages 16–17

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics (2021).
Children and COVID-19 vaccinations trends.
Accessed October 20, 2021.



We Think Twice Continues to Grow and Engage Teens

[Discover what's new](#) and available for you to share with the youth you serve. With over 33,500 unique website visitors and 2.8 million impressions on Instagram since May, [We Think Twice \(WTT\)](#) continues to successfully deliver information, encouragement, tools, games, contests, and other “sticky” content to more and more teens.

Don't forget to encourage teens in your community to get involved – follow us [@WeThinkTwice](#) and become a [WTT Insider!](#)



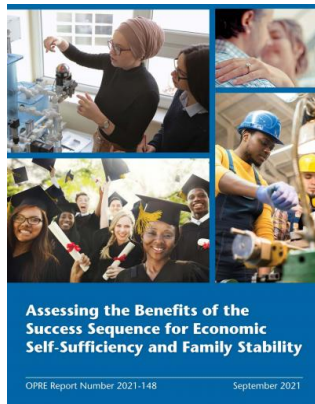
November is National Runaway Prevention Month

Did you know that each year, 4.2 million youth and young adults experience homelessness in the U.S. – that's about the same as the population of Los Angeles – 4.2 million! What can concerned youth do? They can use their voices to make a difference in the lives of runaway and homeless youth, [join NRPM as a Youth Ambassador.](#)

Learn more with the [NRPM Youth Ambassador Toolkit](#). Grantees can take advantage of our report on [Serving Runaway & Homeless Youth.](#)

Success Sequence Economic Analysis Report

What impact do the success sequence milestones demonstrate on escaping poverty and joining the middle class? On economic self-sufficiency and family stability in one's late 30s?

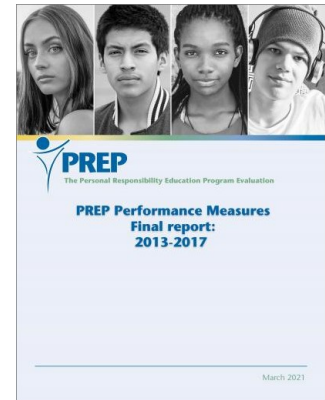


Is there a difference when one accomplishes those milestones in order or in combination? This report analyzes the associations of completing success sequence milestones by age 30 and outcomes in one's late 30s.

[Read the full report](#) to learn about the significant diversity in the pathways young adults take in their transitions to adulthood.

PREP Multicomponent Evaluation Report & Interactive Brief

The Office of Research Planning & Evaluation recently completed a performance analysis study of PREP programs that were in operation from 2013 through 2017.



[The report](#) details:

- 1) How grantees operated and how they supported the programs;
- 2) Who the programs served and how those young people responded to the material; and 3) and How program characteristics may have impacted their effectiveness. [Access the interactive brief](#) to see a subset of the PREP performance measures displayed in a visually appealing, interactive format.

Learning Center

[PREP Services for Youth with Disabilities Tip Sheet:](#)

Debunk long-held myths about sexuality among people with disabilities. This tip sheet offers insightful information on the challenges and barriers to providing abstinence and contraceptive education to youth with disabilities.

[Creating Safe Spaces:](#) A guide to trauma-informed programming designed to help facilitators maintain sensitivity to the potential for past traumatic experiences of the young people they work within school- and community-based or one-on-one programs. The guide includes checklists and a handout for referral information.

[Reach Them Before You Teach Them: Foundations of Effectively Relating to Students:](#) A resource for SRAE facilitators that emphasizes the importance of the use of intentionality to effectively reach students. This training shares practical insights into communication dynamics, adapting Aristotle's *Rhetorical Theory of Communication*, and building positive student-teacher relationships.

[National Domestic Violence Awareness Month: October](#) Domestic Violence Awareness Month launched nationwide in October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations addressing domestic violence issues and to raise awareness of this critical issue. Visit *The Exchange* for more resources and guidance.



Source: Aparicio, E.M., Kachingwe, O.N., Fleishman, J., & Novick, J. (2021). Birth control access and selection among youths experiencing homelessness in the United States: A review, *Health & Social Work*, 46(3): 171-186.

[National Runaway Prevention Month \(NRPM\):](#) This public awareness campaign, recognized annually in November, is designed to "shine a light" on the experiences of runaway and homeless youth that too often remain invisible. Visit the NRPM website for a wealth of fantastic resources including graphics/logos, a social media tip sheet, event flyer, 2021 NRPM video, and more.

[National Bullying Prevention Month: October](#) October 2006 marked the first awareness week highlighting events and activities to raise awareness of the issue of bullying and to elevate messaging of the consequences of bullying. You'll find more information about National Bullying Prevention Month on *The Exchange*.

Events & Observances

TAKE OUR POLL

Does your organization utilize social media to engage youth

Yes

Select

No

Select

Somewhat

Select

- [National Runaway Prevention Month](#): November
- [Native American Heritage Month \(NAHM\)](#): November
- [National Runaway Safeline Twitter Chat](#):
Nov. 5, 2021; 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- [Let'sTalk Podcast Series](#):
Nov. 1, 9, 16, 23-& 30, 2021
- [Great American Smokeout](#):
Nov. 18, 2021



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The Family and Youth Services Bureau's (FYSB) Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (APP) Program within the Administration for Children and Families administers the Personal Responsibility Education Program and the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program. FYSB funds states, Tribes, and community-based organizations throughout the nation and in several U.S. territories to target teen pregnancy prevention and sexual risk avoidance services to the most vulnerable populations of youth. APP grantees take a holistic approach to implementing evidence-based sexual risk avoidance, abstinence, and contraceptive models to prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS and other risky behaviors. Additionally, program participants are provided adulthood preparation skills training and other youth development programming that supports healthy transitions to adulthood while addressing risky behaviors. Learn more about the [Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program](#).

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